

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This Joint Resolution amends Article IX, Section 10, of the Constitution of the state of Idaho to clarify that the State Board of Education, sitting as the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho, may impose tuition on the students of the University of Idaho. All other state supported higher education institutions of Idaho, with the approval of the State Board of Education, have the authority to impose tuition, and this amendment specifies that the University of Idaho has the same authority.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. There is no additional fiscal impact to the General Fund other than the normal costs associated with placing measures, such as initiatives and constitutional amendments, on the general election ballot for voter consideration. It is unknown, at this time, how many issues might eventually be placed on the 2010 general election ballot. Between 1998 and 2008, there were seventeen ballot measures placed on the general election ballot with an approximate cost of \$35,000 per ballot measure for printings and public notice requirements. Prior to each general election, the Legislature appropriates funds to the Secretary of State to cover the cost of placing ballot measures on the upcoming general ballot. The Legislature appropriated \$350,000 for both the 2006 and 2008 general elections, with the unused balances reverting back to the General Fund the following year.

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